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The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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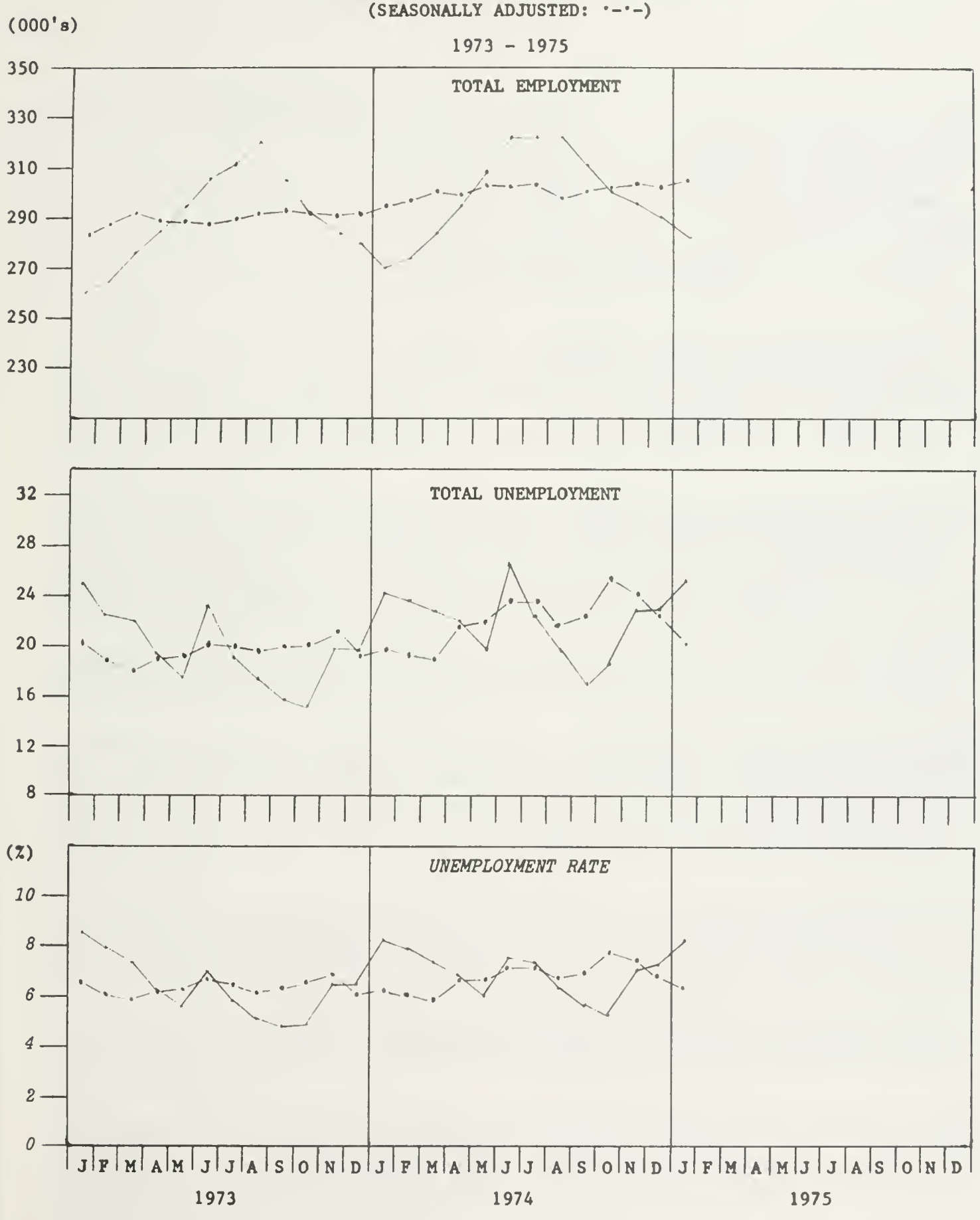


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

JANUARY 1975

STATE OF MONTANA

Montana's Civilian Labor Force for December 1974 was 314,300 compared with 319,600 in November and 299,400 a year ago in December. Total employment in December was 291,300, a decrease of 3,600 from the previous month but an increase of 11,500 from a year ago. The unemployment rate was 7.3%, an increase of .2 of a percent over last month and an increase of .8 of a percent from last year at the same time.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment (establishment data) was 235.6 thousand in December, a decrease of 1,200 from November and an increase of 10,400 from a year ago. There were 24,100 people employed in the manufacturing industries in November which was a decrease from the 24,500 recorded last month and the 24,600 recorded in November of 1973. Lumber and wood products showed the largest drop from a year ago decreasing 1,100 while the industry showing the largest increase was primary metals.

Nonmanufacturing employment at 213.8 thousand decreased from last month by 800, but showed an increase over last December by 7,800. Nonmanufacturing industries showing an increase over December of last year were mining, up 300; transportation and public utilities, up 400; wholesale and retail trade, up 2,100; finance, insurance and real estate, up 800; services, up 2,500 and government, up 3,800. December contract construction employment showed a 2,100 drop from the same month last year.

All other nonagricultural employment (self-employed and unpaid family workers, domestic workers in private households) increased in December by 200 over the previous month, and by 1,000 over last year at the same time.

Montana's agricultural employment this month was 25.8 thousand compared with 30.4 thousand in November and 25.7 thousand a year ago. The 1974 year in agriculture was unusual with good grain prices contrasted by the fall of cattle prices. Despite drought conditions in some areas in the state, production of the principal small grains (wheat, barley and oats) totaled 166 million bushels, approximately the same as in 1973, with the value going up 21%. Wheat production was higher than a year ago, but barley and oats were down.

The Montana Energy Advisory Council has indicated in a report that coal production in eastern Montana is expected to triple by 1980. Five coal companies now operating have sales contracts to mine 14.357 million tons in 1975, up from the 10.8 million tons for 1973. By 1980, coal production by the five companies should reach 42.82 million tons.

In October 1974, production of crude oil and condensate in Montana averaged 93,888 barrels daily, a decrease of 1,105 barrels from the average 94,993 production in the previous month. During the month 81 wells were drilled and 126 permits were issued to drill new wells.

There were 341 building permits issued in the state for November with a total valuation of $7,748,000. Last year at the same time there were a total 223 permits issued valued at $7,093,000. For the first eleven months of this year 4,560 permits were issued with a total valuation of $103.0 million. In 1973 for the first eleven months, 4,045 permits

were issued valued at $94.6 million. In November, Great Falls had the most permits issued (92), while Missoula had the greatest valuation $1,452,000.

Montana bank debits were up 16% in November and are up 27% thus far this year. In total valuation Helena led the state with $341.5 million followed by Billings with $340.6 million, Great Falls with $302.1 million and Missoula with $235.2 million.

Labor turnover rates for November recorded in December for the manufacturing and mining industries showed a decline both in the total accession rates and total separations.

Montana's economy will receive a boost from the Federal Emergency Jobs and Unemployment Assistance Act as more than $3 million will be allocated to provide jobs for unemployed workers in 1975.

GREAT FALLS SMSA
(Cascade County)

Cascade County showed 92 permits issued in November 1974 with a total valuation of nearly one million dollars. This shows a good increase over last year at the same time when 46 permits were issued with a valuation of just over a half million dollars. Bank debits for the county were up 14% over November 1973 and were up 21% for the year. All other industries remained stable throughout the month. Bids totaling $34,352 for interior furnishings in the new Great Falls International Airport Terminal were submitted in January. Also scheduled to start in the Great Falls area this month is a $177 million missile replacement project. The Cascade County Economic Development Corporation endorsed development of two industrial parks located on the outskirts of Great Falls, and received a favorable report on possible funding for the project. Bank debits through November 1974 in Cascade were up 5% while at Belt they were up 9% for the year.

BILLINGS SMSA
(Yellowstone County)

Billings labor area employment remained steady during the past month as all industries continued to be stable. Construction work is taking place on a new regional shopping center, and builders are awaiting final approval to start construction of a new Regional Cancer Treatment Center and Nursing Home. Also, plans are underway for the construction of a new 10-story office building. There were 65 building permits issued in Yellowstone County in November with a total valuation of $1,115,000. Twenty-nine of these were permits for residential dwellings valued at $485,000. Bank debits in Billings for November totaled $340.6 million while Laurel's total was $6.6 million, and Worden totaled $4.0 million. Bank debits at Laurel were up 9% for the 1974 year over last year and were up 15% in Worden for the same period.

ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

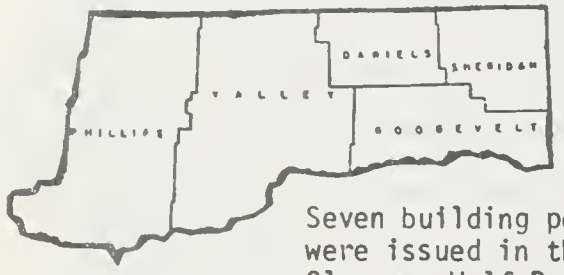
The Anaconda area has a stable employment seen with workers mainly employed in construction, the new Arbiter plant and the Smelter. There were 9 permits issued in Anaconda during November with a valuation of $86,000. Construction of a new office tower complex is expected to begin in January worth approximately $2 million and work continues on a 100-unit elderly persons apartment building. In Butte, 10 building permits were issued valued at $699,000. Bank debits in the mining city were up 26% over last November and are up 22% for the year. At Deer Lodge a new subdivision is planned with 46 homesites. Beaverhead County ranked high for the state in the agriculture industry, being first in numbers of cattle, and third in numbers of sheep as of January 1, 1975.

BOZEMAN LMA

Bozeman's December building permits totaled 15 and were valued at $452,400. By the end of November construction of one-family homes in the city was already a record for one year. The city commission granted a six-month delay on the new shopping mall that was supposed to have begun in December, because of high interest lending rates. Bank debits for November in Bozeman showed a decrease of 4% from the same period one year ago, but are up 10% for the first eleven months of the year.

Retail trade remained slow after the holidays, and the main agricultural activity was care of livestock. In the Livingston area industry activity was quiet as usual for winter. For November bank debits were down 12% from last year but up 13% thus far in 1974. One building permit was issued in November valued at $37,000. The area logging industry is still showing signs of bad times with cutback noted in both Gallatin and Park Counties. A railroad company plans to spend $1.5 million in the Livingston-Bozeman area to improve shop functions and a portion of the depot. Work will be done on a bridge near Greycliff and a new sempahore signal west of Bozeman.

GLASGOW LMA



Seven building permits were issued in the Glasgow, Wolf Point and Malta communities in November with a valuation of $265,000. Bank debits in Glasgow are up 5% for the first 11 months of the year, while Malta has recorded a slight decrease over the first 11 months by 2%. Thirteen hundred people are working at the Glasgow Air Force Base in eleven industries and businesses. At Poplar, a tribal owned corporation signed a contract that will create 33 new jobs which will eventually employ 84 persons.

GLENDIVE LMA

Construction is proceeding on a new 40-unit motel in Glendive with future plans to include a dining room, lounge and an indoor swimming pool. Seven building permits were issued in Glendive in November valued at $252,000. Retail trade and oilfield activity continues at its normal slow pace for this time of year, and the main agricultural work is caring and feeding of cattle. Bank debits in Glendive from January through November were up 13% from last year. In Sidney bank debits were also up 13% for the year over the same period a year ago, and four building permits were issued with a valuation of $29,000. The local sugar factory is in full swing with the end of this season's campaign slated for late February. Wholesale and retail trade is slow in the community with a new variety store scheduled to open in the near future. A major oil company has completed two oil wells in Wibaux County. One on federal land, had initial potential production of 53 barrels of oil per day, and the other had potential of 154 barrels per day.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA

All industries in the Hardin-Red Lodge area are slow which is normal for this time of year as cold weather has cut back all outdoor activities and the wholesale-retail and service industries are experiencing the post-holiday lull. An exception to this is at Red Lodge where ski season is at full pace and the service industry is continuing to be good. Carbon County is negotiating on a deal to sell more than 7,000 acres of county-owned coal. The revenue from this will amount to $126,000 over the next five years from mining coal under 7,037 acres with a royalty of 10 cents per ton for any coal mined.

HAVRE LMA

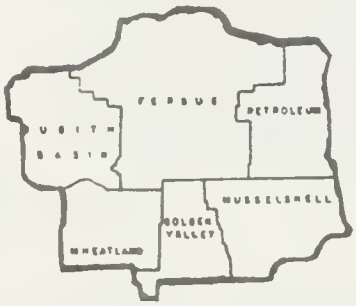
Labor activity in the Havre Labor Market Area has been slowing down after one year of rapid increases. The increases were spurred by railroad spending, investment in natural gas production and good crops in the agricultural field. Eleven building permits were issued in November with a valuation of $402,000. For the first eleven months of this year, 109 permits were issued for $1,731,000. Of these permits, 42 were for residential dwellings. Havre's bank debits in November increased 11% over a year ago and were up 19% thus far this year. Wholesale and retail trade have shown a small amount of activity this past month which is normal for the time of year. Agricultural activities have mainly been winter feeding.

HELENA LMA

Twenty-seven building permits were issued in Helena in November with a total valuation of $470,000. Six of the permits were for residential dwellings worth $254,000. Lewis and Clark County commissioners accepted a $23,525 bid for a new shop that will house the county paint and carpenter shop. Construction of several major downtown buildings are continuing to progress on schedule, and a new library building and a new Federal building are in their planning stages. The county will receive $95,000 from federal money to provide 13 countywide jobs under the Comprehensive Training and Employment Act. Helena bank debits for the first eleven months of 1974 were up 49% over last year.

KALISPELL LMA

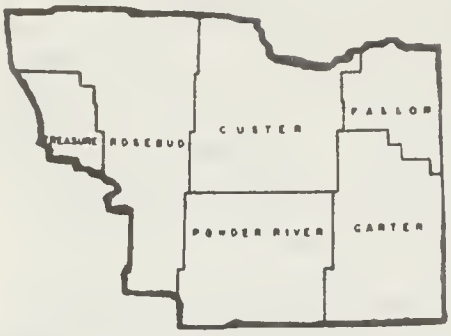
New construction reached a record in Kalispell in 1974 as 175 permits were issued with a year-end valuation of about $7.8 million. A new manufacturer of small campers and toppers, that will produce approximately 1,000 units per year and hire about 7 employees, opened in Kalispell in December. In Lincoln County, woods and sawmill workers went back to work at a local sawmill that resumed operations in mid-December. After a holiday shutdown, work resumed at Libby Dam with 181 people on the job. In Rexford a bid was taken at $41,802 for landscaping in the town. A major oil company intends to begin prospecting in 1975 on 215,000 acres in the Flathead National Forest. Outside construction work in the labor market area continued to reduce their work force, and lumber and wood products remained slow. Bank debits for Kalispell were up 12% for the first eleven months of 1974.



LEWISTOWN LMA

Ninety-one building permits were issued in Lewistown for the first eleven months of 1974 with a valuation of $885,000. Of these permits, 20 were for residential dwellings valued at $382,000. Bank debits in Lewistown are up 5% so far this year over 1973 totaling $285.1 million. Bank debits in Harlowton for October showed an increase of 6% from a year ago. In the Ryegate area, construction work is being done on a new 230 kv power line which extends from Great Falls to Billings. Wheatland County commissioners awarded contracts for the improvement project at the County Airport. A sawmill located just east of Lewistown that has been shut down since September reopened the first week in January with a recall of 15 to 20 people.

MILES CITY LMA



A total of 16 building permits amounting to construction worth $188,250 were issued in November compared with 9 permits for $25,650 for the same period in 1973. Continued mild weather has allowed commercial construction to progress almost undisturbed this winter. In Rosebud County, a six million pound coal shovel that took approximately a year to construct was put into operation in December. It is the first of two shovels that will be in operation and will be used in conjunction with a new coal handling facility which is also under construction in the county.

MISSOULA LMA

Building permits issued in Missoula during December 1974 were up by 45 over the same month one year ago, and the total permits issued during the year 1974 was 640, compared with 374 in 1973. Fifty-one residential and 4 commercial permits were issued in December. In November bank debits at Missoula were up 71% from last November and are up 36% so far for the year. A lumber operation at Bonner started two shifts of the small log sawmill in January, hiring 77 new employees for the operation. All employees who were on layoff status have been recalled to work, which brought the total work force at the mill to 1,305. A lumber mill at Superior in Mineral County has resumed operations in December following a 30 day shutdown affecting about 70 persons. In December at Ravalli County bids were opened for construction of a courthouse. Beet farmers in the Bitter-Root earned about 50% more for their crop this year than last year. The County will receive $250,000 under the federal Public Service Employment program to finance over 50 jobs.

SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA

Construction in the Shelby area in 1974 amounted to $500,000. Approximately $275,000 of the total was inside the city limits. At Cut Bank, a total of 64 building permits were issued through the first eleven months valued at $559,000. Bank debits for that city for November were up 31% over the same month a year ago and are up 18% for the first eleven months of 1974. Approval of a $7,500 grant for a study to help determine the feasibility of establishing a beef processing plant on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation was announced this month. Establishment of a processing plant could lead to the creation of 45 jobs. A fire at a Browning sawmill has caused an estimated $500,000 damages. The mill was not in operation at the time. Gas well wildcatting is continuing to increase at a rapid tempo in the Chouteau County area.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana's economy during February should remain at its normal slow pace as cutbacks in all outside activities continue. There is expected to be a slight increase in both nonagricultural and agricultural employment in February with some drop in the unemployment.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES
DECEMBER 1974

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	82	51	744
CETA-CEP	74	19	275
CETA-Inst.	67	0	180
CETA-OJT	30	27	112
Job Corps	23	19	229

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]
(1967 = 100)

Group	DEC. 1974	*Percent Change From:* NOV. 1974	DEC. 1973
All Items	155.4	*.7%*	*12.2%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]
DECEMBER 1974

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*2.8%*
Female	*28.3%*
Youth	*9.3%*
Over 45	*24.1%*

1/ *The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.*

2/ *Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.*

Table I

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# Montana	Percent# U. S.	
1973								
January	285.8	261.1	238.7	22.4	24.7	*8.6*	*5.5*	.1
February	288.3	265.6	240.3	25.3	22.7	*7.9*	*5.6*	*
March	298.0	276.1	245.5	30.6	21.9	*7.4*	*5.2*	*
April	304.7	285.3	248.6	36.7	19.4	*6.3*	*4.8*	.2
May	311.5	294.1	255.6	38.5	17.4	*5.6*	*4.3*	.4
June	329.4	306.2	265.1	41.1	23.2	*7.0*	*5.4*	.5
July	330.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	19.3	*5.8*	*5.0*	*
August	339.2	321.8	264.5	57.3	17.4	*5.1*	*4.7*	.1
September	320.8	305.3	260.2	45.1	15.5	*4.8*	*4.7*	.1
October	307.3	292.4	257.5	34.9	14.9	*4.9*	*4.2*	.1
November	303.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	19.8	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
December	299.4	279.8	254.1	25.7	19.6	*6.5*	*4.5*	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	*6.3*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	294.8	270.5	245.7	24.8	24.3	*8.3*	*5.6*	.1
February	297.5	274.0	249.2	24.8	23.5	*7.9*	*5.7*	*
March	307.6	284.8	254.5	30.3	22.8	*7.4*	*5.3*	*
April	317.0	295.0	261.0	34.0	22.0	*6.9*	*4.8*	*
May	329.3	309.5	270.0	39.5	19.8	*6.0*	*4.6*	4.0
June	349.6	323.0	277.9	45.1	26.6	*7.6*	*5.8*	2.0
July	348.8	326.4	277.7	48.7	22.4	*6.4*	*5.6*	*
August	343.3	323.9	277.9	46.0	19.4	*5.7*	*5.3*	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	*5.3*	*5.7*	*
October	322.7	304.1	269.2	34.9	18.6	*5.8*	*5.5*	*
November	319.6	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.7	*7.1*	*6.2*	.1
December	314.3	291.3	265.5	25.8	23.0	*7.3*	*6.7*	*
1974 Avg.	322.9	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.9	*6.8*		*
1975								
January	*308.0*	*282.5*	*257.55*	*25.0*	*25.5*	*8.3*		*
February								
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* *Under 50. Current month in italics is a forecast. Previous month preliminary.*
\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Series began January 1970.*
1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1973								
January	30.2	27.5	26.5	1.0	2.7	*8.8*	*8.6*	*
February	30.4	27.9	26.6	1.3	2.5	*8.3*	*7.9*	*
March	30.7	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.3	*7.4*	*7.4*	*
April	31.8	29.7	28.0	1.7	2.1	*6.7*	*6.3*	*
May	32.2	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.2	*6.9*	*5.6*	*
June	34.2	31.2	29.3	1.9	3.0	*8.8*	*7.0*	0
July	34.1	31.7	29.2	2.5	2.4	*7.0*	*5.8*	0
August	34.4	32.4	29.3	3.1	2.0	*5.9*	*5.1*	0
September	33.0	31.0	29.2	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.8*	*
October	32.0	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.7	*5.4*	*4.9*	0
November	31.4	29.4	28.3	1.1	2.0	*6.3*	*6.5*	*
December	31.4	29.5	28.1	1.4	1.9	*6.0*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	31.0	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.4	*7.7*	*8.3*	*
February	30.9	28.9	27.7	1.2	2.0	*6.6*	*7.9*	*
March	31.4	29.3	28.2	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.4*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.1*	*6.9*	*
May	34.0	31.8	30.2	1.6	2.2	*6.5*	*6.0*	1.4
June	35.6	32.8	30.9	1.9	2.8	*7.9*	*7.6*	1.2
July	34.1	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.4	*6.8*	*6.4*	*
August	34.8	32.6	29.8	2.8	2.2	*6.2*	*5.7*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.3*	*
October	32.7	31.0	29.8	1.2	1.7	*5.2*	*5.8*	*
November	32.0	29.9	28.7	1.2	2.1	*6.5*	*7.1*	*
December	31.7	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*7.3*	*
1974 Avg.	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	*6.6*	*6.8*	*
1975								
January	*30.9*	*29.0*	*28.1*	.9	*1.9*	*6.1*	*8.3*	-
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BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent#* County	State	
1973								
January	40.3	37.7	37.2	.5	2.6	*6.5*	*8.6*	*
February	40.7	38.4	37.7	.7	2.3	*5.5*	*7.9*	*
March	41.1	39.2	38.4	.8	1.9	*4.7*	*7.4*	0
April	42.1	40.1	39.5	.6	2.0	*4.7*	*6.3*	*
May	42.8	40.7	39.9	.8	2.1	*4.9*	*5.6*	*
June	44.6	41.8	41.2	.6	2.8	*6.1*	*7.0*	.3
July	44.2	41.7	41.0	.7	2.5	*5.7*	*5.8*	*
August	44.3	42.0	41.0	1.0	2.3	*5.2*	*5.1*	*
September	43.0	41.1	40.5	.6	1.9	*4.4*	*4.8*	*
October	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	*4.5*	*4.9*	*
November	44.4	42.2	41.6	.6	2.2	*5.1*	*6.5*	*
December	44.0	42.0	41.4	.6	2.0	*4.5*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	42.9	39.7	38.9	.8	3.2	*7.4*	*8.3*	0
February	43.5	41.2	40.2	1.0	2.3	*5.4*	*7.9*	0
March	44.1	41.8	40.6	1.2	2.3	*5.2*	*7.4*	0
April	44.6	42.5	41.2	1.3	2.1	*4.7*	*6.9*	0
May	45.8	43.5	42.1	1.4	2.3	*4.9*	*6.0*	.5
June	47.7	44.3	43.3	1.0	3.4	*7.2*	*7.6*	.5
July	47.0	44.1	42.9	1.2	2.9	*6.3*	*6.4*	*
August	46.4	44.2	42.6	1.6	2.2	*4.8*	*5.7*	*
September	45.4	43.4	42.2	1.2	2.0	*4.5*	*5.3*	*
October	45.7	43.9	42.9	1.0	1.8	*3.9*	*5.8*	*
November	45.8	43.4	42.0	1.4	2.4	*5.2*	*7.1*	*
December	45.4	43.1	41.9	1.2	2.3	*5.1*	*7.3*	*
1974 Avg.	45.4	43.0	41.8	1.2	2.4	*5.3*	*6.8*	*
1975								
January	*43.2*	*40.8*	*39.4*	*1.4*	*2.4*	*5.6*	*8.3*	*
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

DECEMBER 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	314.3	319.6	299.4	-5.3	14.9
2. Unemployment	23.0	22.7	19.6	.3	3.4
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.3*	*7.1*	*6.5*	*.2*	*.8*
3. Employment, Total	291.3	296.9	279.8	-5.6	11.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	235.6	236.8	225.2	-1.2	10.4
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*237.9*	*239.1*	*230.6*	*-1.2*	*7.3*
MANUFACTURING	*24.1*	*24.5*	*24.6*	*-.4*	*-.5*
Durable Goods	*15.5*	*15.7*	*15.9*	*-.2*	*-.4*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.5*	*8.7*	*9.6*	*-.2*	*-1.1*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.6*	*3.6*	*3.2*	*0*	*.4*
Other Durable Goods	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.1*	*0*	*.3*
Nondurable Goods	*8.6*	*8.8*	*8.7*	*-.2*	*-.1*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*4.0*	*4.1*	*4.4*	*-.1*	*-.4*
27 Printing and Publishing	*2.1*	*2.1*	*1.9*	*0*	*.2*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.1*	*1.1*	*1.1*	*0*	*0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.4*	*1.5*	*1.3*	*-.1*	*.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*213.8*	*214.6*	*206.0*	*-.8*	*7.8*
Mining	*7.5*	*7.5*	*7.2*	*0*	*.3*
10 Metal Mining	*4.0*	*4.0*	*4.1*	*0*	*-.1*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*1.7*	*1.6*	*1.3*	*.1*	*.4*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*1.8*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*-.1*	*0*

Contract Construction	*11.0*	*13.3*	*13.1*	*-2.3*	*-2.1*
15 General Building Contractors	*4.6*	*5.2*	*5.0*	*-.6*	*-.4*
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	*2.0*	*3.2*	*3.1*	*-1.2*	*-1.1*
17 Special Trade Contractors	*4.4*	*4.9*	*5.0*	*-.5*	*-.6*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*19.4*	*19.5*	*19.0*	*-.1*	*.4*
40 Railroad Transportation	*6.7*	*6.7*	*6.2*	*0*	*.5*
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	*5.5*	*5.6*	*6.0*	*-.1*	*-.5*
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	*7.2*	*7.2*	*6.8*	*0*	*.4*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*61.0*	*61.0*	*58.9*	*0*	*2.1*
Wholesale Trade	*12.9*	*12.8*	*11.7*	*.1*	*1.2*
Retail Trade	*48.1*	*48.2*	*47.2*	*-.1*	*.9*
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	*8.9*	*8.8*	*8.9*	*.1*	*0*
54 Food Stores	*6.5*	*6.5*	*6.3*	*0*	*.2*
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	*8.3*	*8.5*	*8.9*	*-.2*	*-.6*
58 Eating and Drinking Places	*14.0*	*14.5*	*13.1*	*-.5*	*.9*
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	*10.4*	*9.9*	*10.0*	*.5*	*.4*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*10.7*	*10.7*	*9.9*	*0*	*.8*
Services	*44.3*	*43.6*	*41.8*	*.7*	*2.5*
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	*5.7*	*5.6*	*5.2*	*.1*	*.5*
72 Personal Services	*2.8*	*2.6*	*2.7*	*.2*	*.1*
80 Medical and other Health Services	*14.1*	*13.8*	*13.1*	*.3*	*1.0*
Other Services	*21.7*	*21.6*	*20.8*	*.1*	*.9*
Government	*59.9*	*59.0*	*56.1*	*.9*	*3.8*
91 Federal Government	*12.2*	*12.3*	*11.8*	*-.1*	*.4*
Total State and Local Government	*47.7*	*46.7*	*44.3*	*1.0*	*3.4*
92 State Government	*17.3*	*17.2*	*16.4*	*.1*	*.9*
93 Local Government	*30.4*	*29.5*	*27.9*	*.9*	*2.5*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[1/]	29.9	29.7	28.9	.2	1.0
(c) Agriculture	25.8	30.4	25.7	-4.6	.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[2/]	*	.1	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*
Establishment Series began January 1964. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

DECEMBER 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: Nov. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Dec. 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	31.7	32.0	31.4	-.3	.3
2. Unemployment	2.0	2.1	1.9	-.1	.1
Percent of Labor Force#	*6.4*	*6.5*	*6.0*	*-.1*	*.4*
3. Employment, Total	29.7	29.9	29.5	-.2	.2
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	26.4	26.5	25.9	-.1	.5
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*27.3*	*27.6*	*27.0*	*-.3*	*.3*
MANUFACTURING	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
NONMANUFACTURING	*25.3*	*25.6*	*25.1*	*-.3*	*.2*
Contract Construction	*1.5*	*1.8*	*1.6*	*-.3*	*-.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.5*	*2.5*	*2.3*	*0*	*.2*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.2*	*8.2*	*8.1*	*0*	*.1*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*5.3*	*5.4*	*5.5*	*-.1*	*-.2*
Government	*5.9*	*5.8*	*5.8*	*.1*	*.1*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.3	2.3	2.2	0	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.0	1.2	1.4	-.2	-.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	*	*	*	-	-

1/ *Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* * *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. *Residence Series began January 1974.*
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

2/ *Non-Additive - Included in Line (a)*

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

DECEMBER 1974

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Net Changes to Current Month from: Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973
1. Civilian Labor Force	45.4	45.8	44.0	-.4	1.4
2. Unemployment	2.3	2.4	2.0	-.1	.3
Percent of Labor Force#	*5.1*	*5.2*	*4.5*	*-.1*	*.6*
3. Employment, Total	43.1	43.4	42.0	-.3	1.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	37.8	37.9	36.5	-.1	1.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*38.1*	*38.1*	*37.3*	*0*	*.8*
MANUFACTURING	*3.5*	*3.5*	*4.0*	*0*	*-.5*
NONMANUFACTURING	*34.6*	*34.6*	*33.3*	*0*	*1.3*
Contract Construction	*1.9*	*2.2*	*2.1*	*-.3*	*-.2*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.7*	*3.7*	*3.6*	*0*	*.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*12.1*	*12.0*	*11.8*	*.1*	*.3*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*1.9*	*1.9*	*1.8*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.1*	*8.1*	*7.8*	*0*	*.3*
Government	*6.9*	*6.7*	*6.2*	*.2*	*.7*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.1	4.1	4.5	0	-.4
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.4	1.0	-.2	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes 2/	*	*	*	-	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.

2/ Non-Additive - Included in Line (a).

Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1974
STATEWIDE	322.7	319.6	314.3	304.1	296.9	291.3	18.6	22.8	23.0	*5.8*	*7.1*	*7.3*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	32.7	32.0	31.7	31.0	30.0	29.7	1.7	2.1	2.0	*5.2*	*6.4*	*6.4*
BILLINGS SMSA	45.7	45.8	45.4	43.9	43.4	43.1	1.8	2.4	2.3	*3.9*	*5.2*	*5.1*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	244.3	241.8	237.2	229.2	223.5	218.5	15.1	18.3	18.7	*6.2*	*7.6*	*7.9*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	33.6	33.6	33.2	31.6	31.2	30.8	2.0	2.4	2.4	*6.0*	*7.0*	*7.2*
BOZEMAN	23.9	23.7	23.2	22.5	21.9	21.5	1.4	1.8	1.7	*5.9*	*7.5*	*7.4*
GLASGOW	15.9	15.4	15.0	15.3	14.8	14.3	.6	.6	.7	*3.9*	*4.2*	*4.4*
GLENDIVE	13.2	12.8	12.5	12.7	12.3	12.0	.5	.5	.5	*3.7*	*4.1*	*4.4*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.0	9.8	9.6	9.3	9.1	8.9	.7	.7	.7	*6.7*	*7.1*	*7.4*
HAVRE	12.4	12.0	11.7	11.9	11.5	11.1	.5	.5	.6	*4.3*	*4.6*	*4.9*
HELENA	21.5	21.3	21.0	20.4	20.0	19.7	1.1	1.3	1.3	*5.4*	*6.3*	*6.2*
KALISPELL	32.1	32.4	32.3	29.0	28.4	27.8	3.1	4.0	4.5	*9.3*	*12.3*	*14.0*
LEWISTOWN	11.4	10.9	10.4	10.8	10.3	9.8	.6	.6	.6	*5.1*	*5.9*	*5.6*
MILES CITY	12.9	12.8	12.5	12.5	12.2	11.9	.4	.6	.6	*3.0*	*4.4*	*4.7*
MISSOULA	39.5	40.0	39.5	36.0	35.5	35.1	3.5	4.5	4.4	*8.6*	*11.1*	*11.3*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.9	17.1	16.3	17.2	16.3	15.6	.7	.8	.7	*3.9*	*4.4*	*4.1*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

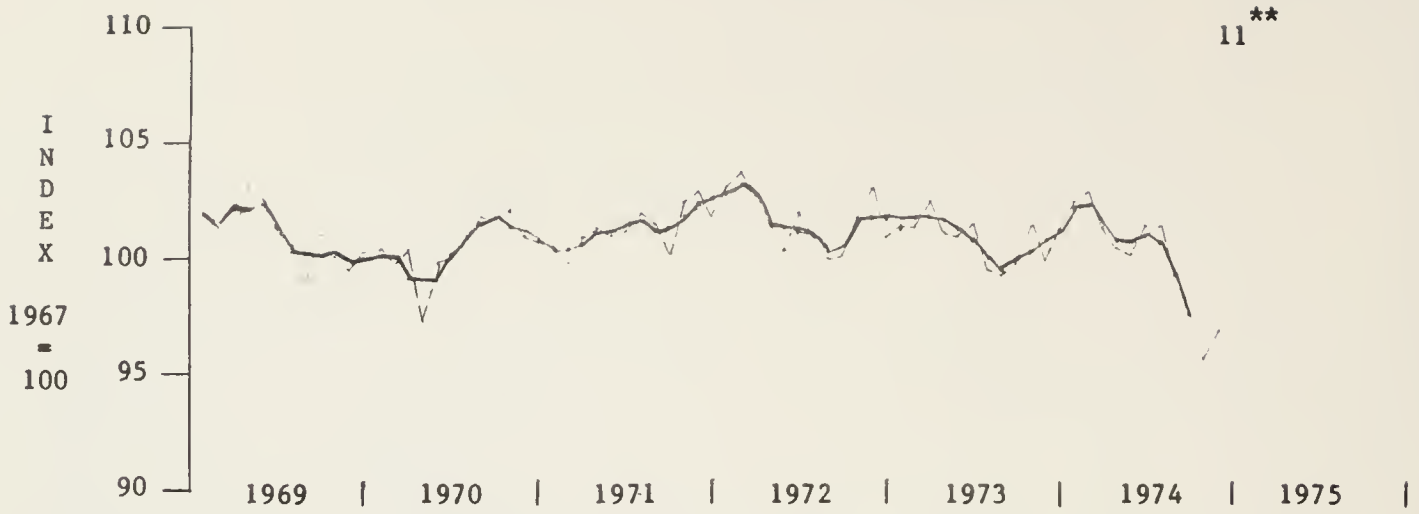
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1973	Percent Change 1973-1974	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1973	Percent Change 1973-1974	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1973	Net Change 1973-1974	Dec. 1974	Dec. 1973	Net Change 1973-1974
STATEWIDE	314.3	299.4	*5.0*	291.3	279.8	*4.1*	23.0	19.6	3.4	*7.3*	*6.5*	*.8*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	31.7	31.4	*1.0*	29.7	29.5	*.7*	2.0	1.9	.1	*6.4*	*6.0*	*.4*
BILLINGS SMSA	45.4	44.0	*3.2*	43.1	42.0	*2.6*	2.3	2.0	.3	*5.1*	*4.5*	*.6*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	237.2	224.0	*5.9*	218.5	208.3	*4.9*	18.7	15.7	3.0	*7.9*	*7.0*	*.9*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	33.2	32.1	*3.4*	30.8	30.1	*2.3*	2.4	2.0	.4	*7.2*	*6.2*	*1.0*
BOZEMAN	23.2	22.0	*5.5*	21.5	20.9	*2.9*	1.7	1.1	.6	*7.4*	*5.2*	*2.2*
GLASGOW	15.0	13.5	*11.1*	14.3	12.6	*13.5*	.7	.9	-.2	*4.4*	*6.4*	*-2.0*
GLENDIVE	12.5	11.1	*12.6*	12.0	10.6	*13.2*	.5	.5	0	*4.4*	*4.7*	*-.3*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	9.6	9.2	*4.3*	8.9	8.5	*4.7*	.7	.7	0	*7.4*	*7.2*	*.2*
HAVRE	11.7	11.1	*5.4*	11.1	10.5	*5.7*	.6	.6	0	*4.9*	*5.9*	*-1.0*
HELENA	21.0	20.5	*2.4*	19.7	19.2	*2.6*	1.3	1.3	0	*6.2*	*6.4*	*-.2*
KALISPELL	32.3	30.8	*4.9*	27.8	27.4	*1.5*	4.5	3.4	1.1	*14.0*	*11.2*	*2.8*
LEWISTOWN	10.4	9.3	*11.8*	9.8	8.7	*12.6*	.6	.6	0	*5.6*	*6.7*	*1.1*
MILES CITY	12.5	11.9	*5.0*	11.9	11.4	*4.4*	.6	.5	.1	*4.7*	*3.9*	*.8*
MISSOULA	39.5	37.9	*4.2*	35.1	34.9	*.6*	4.4	3.0	1.4	*11.3*	*7.9*	*3.4*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	16.3	14.6	*11.6*	15.6	13.5	*15.6*	.7	1.1	-.4	*4.1*	*7.5*	*-3.4*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of SIX LEADING INDICATORS 1967 = 100	
1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	95.8
November	97.1[p]
December	
1975	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
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MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

The Composite Index for Montana has reversed its downward trend as November's preliminary estimate indicates. Building permits, manufacturing employment, and average weekly initial claims display positive trends with average weekly hours indicating a negative trend, and no change in accessions and layoffs. October's final index of 95.8 fell below the previous all-time low of the April 1970, 97.4 index. Since the November index of 97.1 is preliminary, caution should be used in forecasting a turnaround in the State's economy.

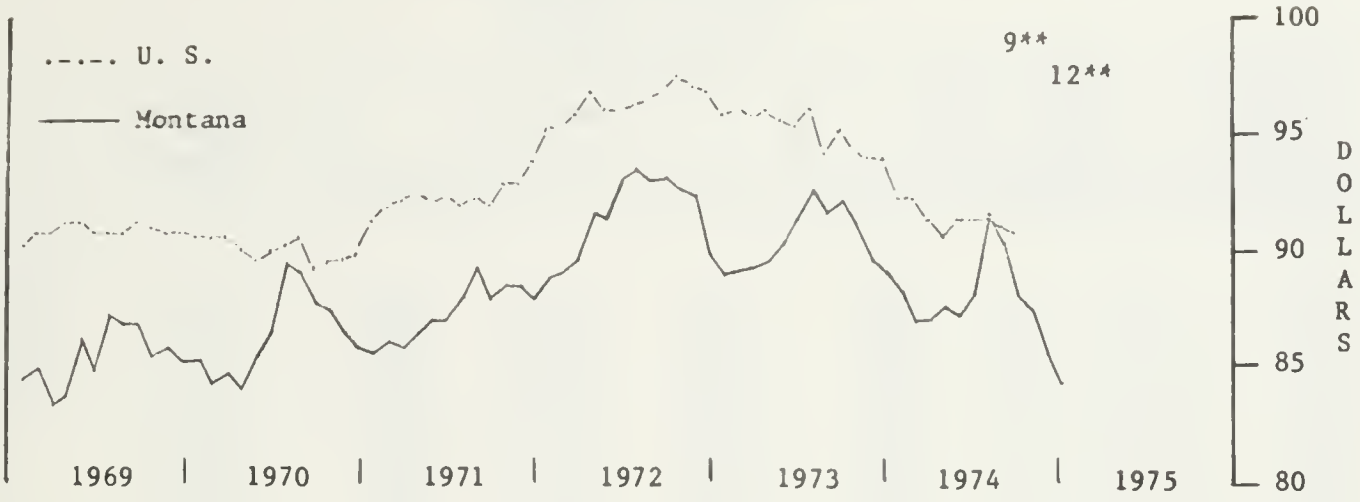
Montana's economy is expected to remain below last year's level with some improvement expected by late spring or early summer.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS
OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$153.85	$154.94	$143.54
Taxes Withheld	-22.90	-23.17	-20.29
Spendable Earnings	130.94	131.77	123.25
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	-46.67	-46.37	-34.27
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	84.27	85.40	88.98

1974	
January	$88.29
February	86.96
March	87.04
April	87.65
May	87.31
June	88.35
July	91.50
August	90.31
September	88.10
October	87.46
November	85.40
December	84.27^{p}

1975	
January	
February	
March	
April	
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Average weekly earnings declined in December by $1.09, to $153.85 in December over November. This reflects the normal seasonal layoffs along with the depressed state of the economy. Real spendable earnings decreased $1.13, to $84.27 in December over November, and failed to keep up with inflation over last month by $1.74. The U. S. Consumer Price Index for December was 155.4 as compared with 154.3 in November.

NOTE: The 1974 Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings have been adjusted to the revised U. S. Consumer Price Index.

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary.*

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent Montana	Percent U. S.	
1973								
January	304.0	283.9	252.1	31.8	20.1	*6.6*	*5.0*	.1
February	306.6	288.0	254.0	34.0	18.6	*6.1*	*5.1*	*
March	310.1	291.9	256.0	35.9	18.2	*5.9*	*5.0*	*
April	307.9	288.9	253.4	35.5	19.0	*6.2*	*5.0*	.2
May	308.4	289.1	253.3	35.8	19.3	*6.3*	*5.0*	.4
June	308.1	287.6	253.4	34.2	20.5	*6.7*	*4.8*	.5
July	310.4	290.1	252.9	37.2	20.3	*6.5*	*4.7*	*
August	312.1	292.6	253.1	39.5	19.5	*6.2*	*4.8*	.1
September	313.0	292.9	253.6	39.3	20.1	*6.4*	*4.8*	.1
October	312.4	291.9	254.4	37.5	20.5	*6.6*	*4.5*	.1
November	312.1	290.7	254.5	36.2	21.4	*6.9*	*4.7*	*
December	310.6	291.5	256.9	34.6	19.1	*6.1*	*4.8*	*
1973 Avg.	309.8	290.2	253.9	36.3	19.6	*6.3*	*4.9*	.1
1974								
January	314.5	294.7	259.5	35.2	19.8	*6.3*	*5.2*	.1
February	316.0	296.7	263.4	33.3	19.3	*6.1*	*5.2*	*
March	319.6	300.7	265.4	35.3	18.9	*5.9*	*5.1*	*
April	320.5	299.0	266.1	32.9	21.5	*6.7*	*5.0*	*
May	326.3	304.3	267.6	36.7	22.0	*6.7*	*5.2*	4.0
June	326.7	303.2	265.7	37.5	23.5	*7.2*	*5.2*	2.0
July	327.8	304.2	266.5	37.7	23.6	*7.2*	*5.3*	*
August	319.4	297.6	265.9	31.7	21.8	*6.8*	*5.4*	.2
September	323.2	300.7	268.7	32.0	22.5	*7.0*	*5.8*	*
October	329.0	303.4	266.0	37.4	25.6	*7.8*	*6.0*	*
November	328.7	304.2	266.8	37.4	24.5	*7.5*	*6.5*	.1
December	325.7	303.3	268.5	34.8	22.4	*6.9*	*7.1*	*
1974 Avg.	322.9	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.9	*6.8*		*
1975								
January	*328.2*	*307.4*	*271.9*	*35.5*	*20.8*	*6.3*		*
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								
Avg.								

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RESIDENCE DATA

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County	Percent State	
1973								
January	31.5	29.2	27.9	1.3	2.3	*7.3*	*6.6*	*
February	31.7	29.5	27.9	1.6	2.2	*6.9*	*6.1*	*
March	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*7.0*	*5.9*	*
April	31.9	29.7	28.2	1.5	2.2	*6.9*	*6.2*	*
May	32.1	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.3	*7.2*	*6.3*	*
June	32.2	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.4	*7.5*	*6.7*	0
July	32.6	30.3	28.2	2.1	2.3	*7.0*	*6.5*	0
August	32.9	30.8	28.5	2.3	2.1	*6.4*	*6.2*	0
September	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.4*	*
October	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	*6.8*	*6.6*	0
November	31.8	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.9*	*
December	32.1	30.1	28.3	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*6.1*	*
1973 Avg.	32.1	29.9	28.2	1.7	2.2	*6.8*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	32.4	30.4	29.1	1.3	2.0	*6.2*	*6.3*	*
February	32.3	30.5	29.0	1.5	1.8	*5.6*	*6.1*	*
March	32.2	30.2	29.0	1.2	2.0	*6.2*	*5.9*	*
April	32.4	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.1	*6.5*	*6.7*	*
May	33.9	31.6	30.0	1.6	2.3	*6.8*	*6.7*	1.4
June	33.7	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.3	*6.8*	*7.2*	1.2
July	32.7	30.4	28.5	1.9	2.3	*7.0*	*7.2*	*
August	33.5	31.1	29.0	2.1	2.4	*7.2*	*6.8*	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.0	*6.2*	*7.0*	*
October	33.1	30.9	29.6	1.3	2.2	*6.6*	*7.8*	*
November	32.5	30.2	28.7	1.5	2.3	*7.1*	*7.5*	*
December	32.3	30.2	28.9	1.3	2.1	*6.5*	*6.9*	*
1974 Avg.	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	*6.6*	*6.8*	*
1975								
January	*32.4*	*30.8*	*29.6*	*1.2*	*1.6*	*4.9*	*6.3*	*
February								
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
August								
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November								
December								
Avg.								

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Table XI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute[1/]
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	*Percent* County	State	
1973								
January	41.9	39.6	38.9	.7	2.3	*5.5*	*6.6*	*
February	42.2	40.2	39.3	.9	2.0	*4.7*	*6.1*	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.7	1.0	1.7	*4.0*	*5.9*	0
April	42.6	40.4	39.8	.6	2.2	*5.2*	*6.2*	*
May	42.9	40.5	39.8	.7	2.4	*5.6*	*6.3*	*
June	42.8	40.5	40.0	.5	2.3	*5.4*	*6.7*	.3
July	43.1	40.7	40.2	.5	2.4	*5.6*	*6.5*	*
August	43.5	41.2	40.4	.8	2.3	*5.3*	*6.2*	*
September	43.0	40.8	40.3	.5	2.2	*5.1*	*6.4*	*
October	43.9	41.1	40.5	.6	2.8	*6.4*	*6.6*	*
November	43.6	41.4	40.8	.6	2.2	*5.1*	*6.9*	*
December	43.7	41.7	41.0	.7	2.0	*4.6*	*6.1*	*
1973 Avg.	42.9	40.7	40.0	.7	2.2	*5.1*	*6.3*	*
1974								
January	44.4	41.6	40.6	1.0	2.8	*6.3*	*6.3*	0
February	45.2	43.2	41.9	1.3	2.0	*4.4*	*6.1*	0
March	45.4	43.4	41.9	1.5	2.0	*4.4*	*5.9*	0
April	45.2	42.9	41.5	1.4	2.3	*5.1*	*6.7*	0
May	45.9	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.6	*5.7*	*6.7*	.5
June	45.7	42.9	42.0	.9	2.8	*6.1*	*7.2*	.5
July	45.8	43.0	42.1	.9	2.8	*6.1*	*7.2*	*
August	45.5	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.2	*4.8*	*6.8*	*
September	45.4	43.0	42.0	1.0	2.4	*5.3*	*7.0*	*
October	45.5	43.0	42.0	1.0	2.5	*5.5*	*7.8*	*
November	45.1	42.7	41.2	1.5	2.4	*5.3*	*7.5*	*
December	45.2	42.9	41.5	1.4	2.3	*5.1*	*6.9*	*
1974 Avg.	45.4	43.0	41.8	1.2	2.4	*5.3*	*6.8*	*
1975								
January	*45.1*	*43.0*	*41.2*	*1.8*	*2.1*	*4.7*	*6.3*	*
February								
March								
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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

DECEMBER 1974

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973	Dec. 1974	Nov. 1974	Dec. 1973
TOTAL PRIVATE	$153.85	$154.94	$143.54	36.2	36.2	36.9	$4.25	$4.28	$3.89
MANUFACTURING	189.59	186.29	190.29	36.6	36.6	41.1	5.18	5.09	4.63
Durable Goods	179.90	177.26	192.70	35.0	35.1	41.8	5.14	5.05	4.61
Primary Metal Industries	230.04	230.04	189.34	40.5	40.5	39.2	5.68	5.68	4.83
Nondurable Goods	213.03	208.35	186.12	40.5	40.3	39.6	5.26	5.17	4.70
Food and Kindred Products	205.07	204.57	174.25	44.1	43.9	41.0	4.65	4.66	4.25
MINING	257.04	255.52	221.95	43.2	42.8	42.6	5.95	5.97	5.21
Metal Mining	261.80	261.80	219.35	42.5	42.5	41.0	6.16	6.16	5.35
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	274.59	266.57	247.97	33.9	33.7	37.8	8.10	7.91	6.56
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	247.23	253.46	225.64	42.7	43.7	41.1	5.79	5.80	5.49
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	204.09	203.78	180.11	38.8	39.8	38.9	5.26	5.12	4.63
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	119.65	121.08	114.52	35.4	35.3	35.9	3.38	3.43	3.19
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	115.18	113.76	106.36	36.8	36.0	36.3	3.13	3.16	2.93
SERVICES	102.90	103.23	89.04	33.3	33.3	33.1	3.09	3.10	2.69

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

NOVEMBER 1974

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Nov. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1973	Nov. 1974	Oct. 1974	Nov. 1973
MANUFACTURING	1.9	3.5	3.3	1.6	2.6	2.8	3.8	5.6	3.5	1.2	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.9	1.0
Durable Goods	1.4	2.6	3.1	1.1	1.9	2.5	4.0	5.5	3.3	0.9	1.4	1.7	2.6	3.0	.8
Primary Metal Industries	0.4	1.5	4.1	0.3	0.6	2.4	4.6	2.2	1.6	0.6	1.7	.2	3.2	0.0	.2
Nondurable Goods	2.8	5.0	3.6	2.4	3.8	3.4	3.6	5.7	3.8	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.3	2.7	1.2
MINING	1.6	3.7	6.6	1.3	3.0	3.9	4.1	4.8	5.3	1.7	2.4	2.3	1.4	0.3	.3
Metal Mining	0.5	1.2	7.5	0.0	0.2	3.0	5.6	3.3	6.1	1.5	1.4	2.0	2.7	0.3	*

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of December 1974.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana by industry in December.

INDUSTRY	NUMBER
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	87
MINING	14
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	20
MANUFACTURING	14
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	7
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	62
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	31
SERVICES	49
TOTAL	284

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS

WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

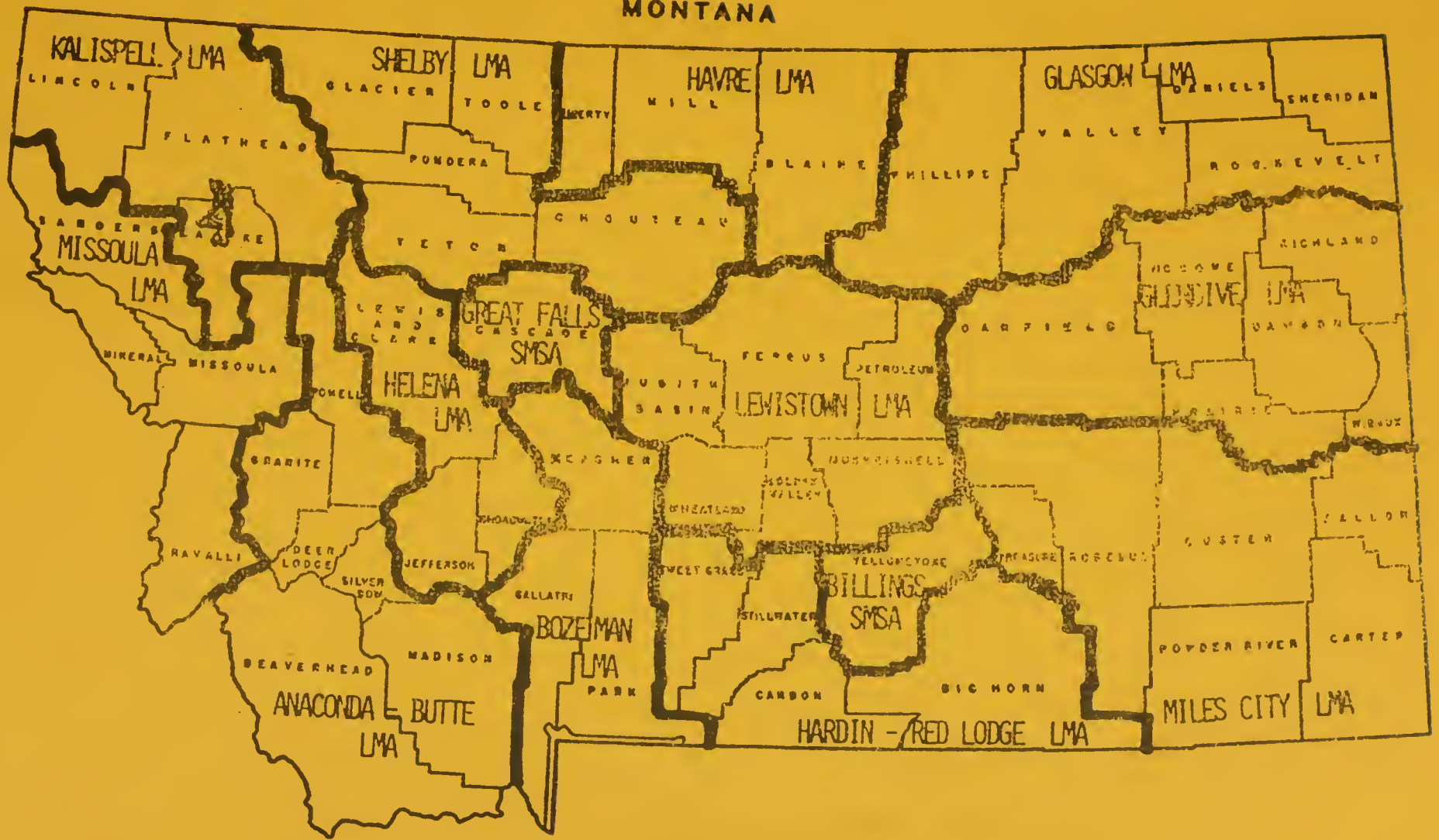
December 1974 - 284 Total New Firms

Areas	New Business Firms
GREAT FALLS SMSA	
Cascade	27
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	21
Beaverhead	6
Deer Lodge	2
Granite	-
Madison	2
Powell	2
Silver Bow	9
BOZEMAN LMA	26
Gallatin	22
Meagher	-
Park	4
GLASGOW LMA	19
Daniels	4
Phillips	5
Roosevelt	5
Sheridan	4
Valley	1
GLENDIVE LMA	10
Dawson	7
Garfield	1
McCone	1
Prairie	-
Richland	1
Wibaux	-
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	10
Big Horn	5
Carbon	3
Stillwater	1
Sweet Grass	1
HAVRE LMA	13
Blaine	1
Hill	9
Liberty	3

Areas	New Business Firms
BILLINGS SMSA	
Yellowstone	35
HELENA LMA	12
Broadwater	-
Jefferson	1
Lewis and Clark	11
KALISPELL LMA	27
Flathead	17
Lake	7
Lincoln	3
LEWISTOWN LMA	7
Fergus	-
Golden Valley	1
Judith Basin	3
Musselshell	2
Petroleum	-
Wheatland	1
MILES CITY LMA	15
Carter	-
Custer	9
Fallon	1
Powder River	1
Rosebud	1
Treasure	3
MISSOULA LMA	38
Mineral	3
Missoula	31
Ravalli	2
Sanders	2
SHELBY LMA	20
Chouteau	1
Glacier	6
Pondera	8
Teton	3
Toole	2

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section; Montana Secretary of State.

LABOR MARKET AREAS IN MONTANA



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